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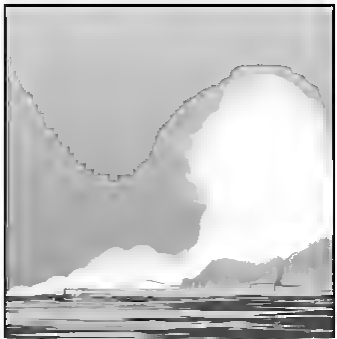
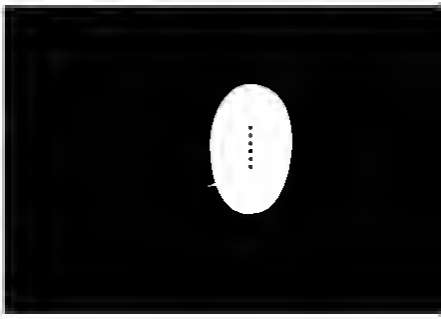
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
IT'S... JUST THAT I WAS PLAYING AROUND TOO MUCH.

SO PARENTS CAN GET TIRED TOO, HUH?
OR IS IT BECAUSE YOUR BATTERY DRAINS OUT?

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE INN. TAKE YOUR TIME AND REST UP THERE.
YEAH. LET'S BE CONSIDERATE... AND GO TO SLEEP QUICKLY TONIGHT, FLOWER.

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SHE FELL ASLEEP.

HMM?

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君を背負って歩いた夕暮れ。
その先に待つものが、
僕らの夏を、忘れられないものにする。

THE SUNSET AS I WALKED WITH YOU ON MY BACK...
WHAT AWAITED US CHANGED OUR SUMMER
INTO AN UNFORGETTABLE MEMORY.

ワカバナのオルゴール

CHAPTER 5: WAKABA AND FLOWER

ARE THERE EVEN PART-TIME JOBS AT THIS TIME OF DAY?
IT'S ACTUALLY A LIVE-IN JOB.
LIVE-IN!?
IT'S FINE! IT'S OWNED BY AUNT SACHIKO! YOU KNOW HER.
AUNT SACHIKO!? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT SHE WAS RUNNING AN INN!
EH? I SWEAR I TOLD YOU THAT BE-FORE.
YOU DIDN'T!

WELL, WHAT-EVER.
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GOOD EVENING, IT'S SHUNPEI.
WEL-COME!
COM-ING!

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, KEIICHIROU-SAN!

NICE TO MEET YOU. WE'LL BE IN YOUR CARE.

LONG TIME, NO SEE!

HUH!?

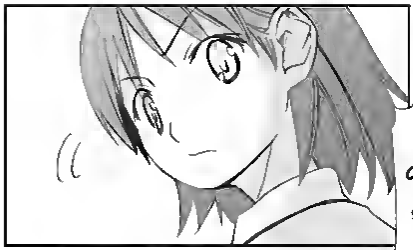
HEY, HEY, DON'T SAY "NICE TO MEET YOU."

WHY HELLO THERE! MY NAME IS WAKABA!

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!!

THAT'S WAKABA-CHAN, SEE?

WAKA-BA-CHAN?



RIGHT THIS WAY!!
FIRST-TIME CUSTOMERS SHOULD WATCH THEIR STEP!!

YEP. MY COUSIN, WAKABA-CHAN.

KEIICHIROU, SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT THAT WAS WAY TOO CRUEL.
BY WAKABA-CHAN, DO YOU MEAN...

YAGUCHI-SENSEI...
...BIT MORE...
JUST A BIT MORE...

I JUST WANT A BIT MORE TIME...

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU STARTING TOMOR-ROW.

OKAY.

...HUH?
WHERE... AM I?
GOOD MORNING.
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE
AUNTIE, SHE'S FLOWER-CHAN, A PARENTS.
SHE RECENTLY CAME TO LIVE WITH KEIICHI-ROU.
N-NICE TO MEET YOU!
MY, MY, HOW CUTE. NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.

IT'S NOT UN-COMFORT-ABLE AT ALL LIVING WITH ONE.
THE NEWEST PARENTS ARE REALLY SIMILAR TO HUMANS, AREN'T THEY? IT'S REALLY HARD TO TELL THEM APART
WHEN WE... MET A WHILE BACK...
WAKABA, YOU HAVE TO PROPERLY GREET THEM, TOO.
I AL-READY DID!!
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OH, REALLY?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
EVERYONE, PLEASE HAVE A NICE STAY.
O-OKAY.
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU TO PREPARE DINNER AND SHOW THEM AROUND THE PLACE.
N-NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M FLOWER.

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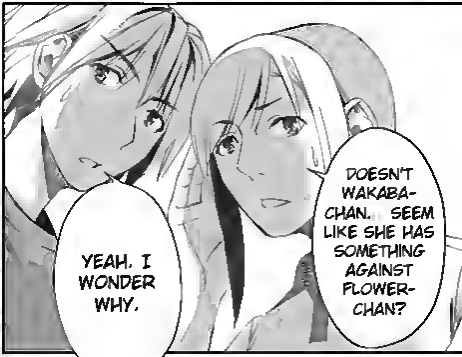
UMM...

H-HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A BATH FOR NOW, KEIICHI-ROU?
S-SURE, JUNPEI...


DOESN'T WAKABA-CHAN... SEEM LIKE SHE HAS SOMETHING AGAINST FLOWER-CHAN?
YEAH. I WONDER WHY.

Umm...

WHAT'S A "NATURAL HOT SPRING"?
ALL RIGHT.
WHY DON'T WE ALL GO TOGETHER?
WE HAVE A NATURAL HOT SPRING, SO IT'LL GET RID OF ANY FATIGUE YOU HAVE!!
OH, THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
YEAH, THAT WORKS A BATH THAT MAKES YOU HEALTHIER.
SO IT MAKES YOU HEALTHIER?
IT'S AN AMAZING BATH. COMPARED TO A NORMAL ONE, IT'S BIGGER, IT MAKES YOU FEEL MORE REJUVENATED AND IT MAKES YOUR SKIN SMOOTHER.
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THE ONE HERE IS BIG ENOUGH TO DO THAT EASILY.
BY BIG, DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVERYONE HERE CAN FIT IN IT AT THE SAME TIME?
WELL... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
TH-THAT'S AMAZING! A BATH MADE OF MEDICINE!

LET'S GO! LET'S GO!!
I CAN'T WAIT!
YOU CAN'T!!
YAY!
YEAH.
WELL, LET'S GET GOING AND NOT WASTE ANY TIME.

"SOME-THING WRONG"
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH FLOWER GOING WITH US?
SHE IS TECHNI-CALLY A GIRL! A GIRL!!

YOU JUST REALIZED NOW...?
YOU'RE RIGHT

SHE MAY BE A PARENTS, BUT SHE'S A GIRL SO I GUESS THAT WOULDN'T BE GOOD.
THAT'S RIGHT!!
WHAA-AAT!

I'LL GO IN WITH YOU!!

HUH...

...I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE.

THERE ARE TREES GROWING INSIDE THIS HOUSE!

NO, THIS IS CALLED A GARDEN. OUR RUN-DOWN APARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE ONE, THOUGH.

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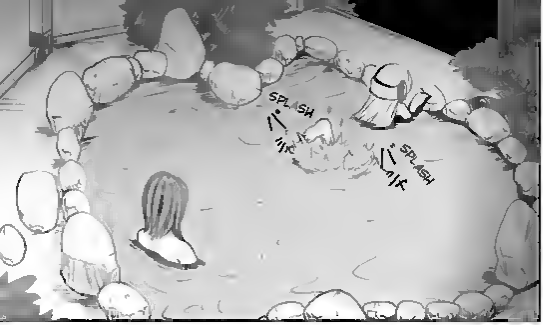
Female

HEH.. THAT'S AMA-ZING..

SORRY ABOUT THE INCON-VENIENCE, BUT I'M LEAVING FLOWER IN YOUR CARE.

GOT IT! SEE YOU LATER

WOW! IT'S A HUGE BATH! AMAZING!!
H-HEY! IT'S DANGEROUS SO DON'T RUN AROUND!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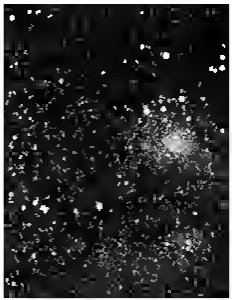

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THERE ARE FISH SWIMMING IN THE LAKE BELOW.
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YES?
HEY!

Wow, there are so many stars!
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU-

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PARENTS WHO COULDN'T MOVE AND HAD TO BE CARRIED BY SOMEONE ELSE BEFORE.

HUH?

ARE YOU REALLY A PARENTS?

I'M A PARENTS!

BUT... I CAN COOK AND CLEAN!

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THEM UP UNTIL NOW, BUT...

PARENTS, HUH...?

I... DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OTHER PARENTS...

OOH...

HEY, CAN I LOOK AT VARIOUS PARTS OF YOUR BODY?

AH, GO AHEAD.

WOW..

EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAILS ARE THE SAME AS A HUMAN'S...

I-IS THAT SO? THIS IS KIND OF EMBAR-RASSING...

EVEN THE TEXTURE OF YOUR SKIN... HAA... IT'S SO SQUISHY. AMAZING...

WAH! WAI- THAT TICKL- AHAHAHA!

IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? WHAT ABOUT OVER HERE!?

AH... WAIT! WAKABA-SAN, NOT THERE!

I HAVE A FEELING... THAT I JUST OVERHEARD A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION...

Y-YEAH...

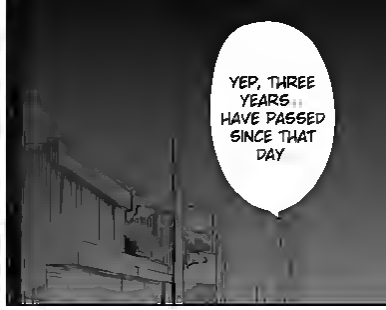
WELL, YEAH.

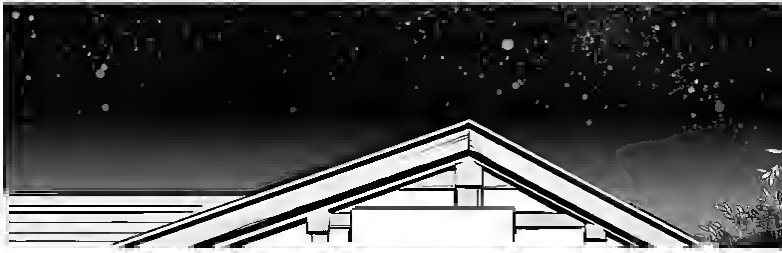
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THEN.

BUT STILL, WAKABA-CHAN HAS SURE GOTTEN PRETTY, HUH?

THREE YEARS... HUH...?

..THAT'S RIGHT.


YEP, THREE YEARS... HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT DAY



...THREE YEARS AGO...

I FIRST MET KEI-ICHIROU-SAN...

I WAS DRAGGED BY SHUNPEI TO A LIVE PERFORMANCE.

KEIICHIROU-SAN WAS PLAYING IN IT, AND HE WAS REALLY COOL.

THUD

EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HIM...

HEY... FLOWER?
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WHAT'S WRONG, FLOWER?
FLOWER!?
FLOWER!!
RRRRING
INCOMING CALL
YAYA (CELL)
次回更新につづく

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